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1. Koospol, with offices at Praha I, Perlova 1, controls the import and export of agricultural products. It employs about 300 clerks, 56 in the fruits and vegetables section. About 60 employees are Communists. It is divided into the following five sections according to the type of production handled:

Section A Offices:	Potatoes Praha I, Perlova 1
Section B: Offices:	Fruits and vegetables Praha II, Soukupovo namesti
Section C: Offices:	Meat and fish Praha I, Perlova 1
Section D: Offices:	Milk, eggs and butter Praha II, Lazarska
Section E: Offices:	Artificial fertilizer Praha II, Bolzanova

Section B is further divided into three groups as follows:

Group 411, which deals with imports of apples, pears, apricots, plums and vegetables.

Group 412, which deals with tropical fruits such as oranges, lemons, tangerines and bananas.

Group 413, which deals with general exports of fruits and vegetables.

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2. The most active trade at the present time is with Yugoslavia, according to compensation agreements. The second most important trade supplies, on the basis of JUNKTEI agreements, apples to Czechoslovakia in exchange for onions, cherries, pears and cabbage. Third in importance is the trade with Hungary. supplies Czechoslovakia with oranges and lemons in exchange for glass, porcelain and other light articles. Czechoslovakia also trades in agricultural products

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3. Leading personnel of Koospol include:

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a. General director of Koospol: Rudolf Snejchal, a Czech [redacted]
the former owner of a meat icehouse. He is
at present in Moscow with a Czech delegation.

b. Chief of Section B: Jan Horsky (former name was Ervin Herschakowitz)
a Jew [redacted] 50X1-HUM

c. Chairman of the Works' Council: Josef Maly [redacted]

d. Head of the Cadre Department: Frantisek Valik [redacted]

4. Under the reorganization plan of 1 January 1950, Koospol is now divided into two main sections: the Animals Section under Director Munduch, and the Vegetables Section under Director Horsky. Both are still subordinated to the General Director. Fruit is still in short supply and is obtainable on ration cards only to children up to 12 years of age.

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